

Dear FCC chair Michael Powell:

Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation will not serve the public interest. I urge you to retain the shreds of regulation on media concentration, and enact further regulation to ensure diversity in American media.

Besides the wholly predictable result of a single company controlling a town's TV stations, radio stations, cable company and only newspaper, the elimination of this rule will essentially signal the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry, with a negative impact on the quality of print journalism.

I urgently request you reverse your present direction, and stand-up for a diverse and informed media in the United States.

Sincerely,

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